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FROM AMBASSADOR WOLLE MUSCAT

E.O. 11652: GDS TAGS: MASS MU

SUBJ: OMAN ARMS REQUEST

REFS: KUWAIT 2453, KUWAIT 2545

1. HM SULTAN QABUS RAISED QUESTION OF TOW ANTI-TANK MISSILES WITH AMBASSADOR AFTER JULY 17 CREDENTIALS CEREMONY. AFTER APOLOGIZING FOR TALKING SHOP ON OCCASION INITIAL MEETING, HM EXPRESSED STRONG PERSONAL INTEREST IN REQUEST BY OMAN TO BUY TOTAL TEN LAUNCHERS AND ONE HUNDRED MISSILES. SAID HE UNDERSTOOD US ONLY MANUFACTURER THIS TYPE EQUIPMENT, WHICH VERY IMPORTANT TO OMAN'S SOUTHERN DEFENSES IN CURRENT DHOFAR REBELLION CONTEXT. SAID NUMBER DESIRED SURELY SMALL INDEED COMPARED WITH REQUESTS USG USUALLY FACES. HM HOPED WE WOULD TREAT MATTER AS URGENT, BECAUSE DELIVERY IN "TWO OR THREE MONTHS" WAS NEEDED RATHER THAN IN YEAR OR SO.

- 2. AMBASSADOR PROMISED REPORT HM'S REQUEST, AND SAID HE AWARE USG ALREADY STUDYING QUESTION SINCE SULTAN'S EMISSARY (LANDON) HAD RAISED IT IN WASHINGTON LATE JUNE.
- 3. WOULD APPRECIATE EARLY REPLY ON CURRENT STATUS THIS MATTER. STOLTZFUS SECRET

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